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Dear Air Board,

It is great news to hear that Mirant Power plant is willing to fund a \$30 million project to improve the air quality for area residents. It is beyond me why the Virginia Air Board continues to delay on approving this project. The plant is a needed fixture in our community whether we like it or not and this renovation will benefit us all.

I am a 40 year resident of this area and have seen tremendous change over the years. Our power needs are still growing throughout this region and all along the East Coast. Opposing the power plant's operation just makes no sense and any closing will put us at risk for power outages such as those being experienced by the residents of California. As a senior citizen and a cancer patient, this is a great concern, and I do not want my health put at risk by power outages.

I have a son with small children living in this area as well and am very concerned about the quality of the air they are breathing. The stack merge solution proposed by Mirant Power has been recommended by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality and will meet environmental standards far beyond those now in place. Mirant is proposing a long term solution which satisfies our air quality requirements and our power needs in the area. Let's support it!

The Air Board must grant permission to Mirant Power to proceed with renovations. This is a viable solution that should resolve this issue and prevent any more time consuming and costly battles. Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Regards,

Churchill Gibson

